

## Report from Markwick Gardens Annual General Meeting 2015

Held at Bill Taplin Centre, 21st March, 10am.

1. Apologies.  
These were received from Theresa Foord.
2. Minutes of previous meeting.  
Minutes could not be recorded due to previous secretary's absence.
3. Matters Arising.  
The previous AGM agreed a £5 dog subscription. This will be made clear on the web site and membership form.
4. Correspondence.  
Some complaints (8 or 9 received via email) about unruly dogs have been received.
5. Finance.  
The membership fees for 2015 are to be kept at current rates but reviewed at each AGM.
6. Membership.  
Currently standing at 178, with roughly the same number not renewing and being added. About 36 members are new, with 4 re-joining.
7. Maintenance.
  - The mobile gazebos are being replaced.
  - An attempt to refurbish some of the benches will be made. This is to replace the wood and re-use the metal parts of the benches. A group working day will be arranged to carry this out.
  - The sets of steps at the entrances are sometimes slippery, so the installation of hand rails was proposed. A quote for their installation will be obtained.
  - The doors on the sheds have graffiti. Whether a graffiti remover will work on the wood or whether a dark wood stain is more appropriate requires investigation.
  - A brick-built BBQ would be desirable, and could be hired out.
  - It was proposed and agreed that one new garden bench be purchased per year, to replace broken ones.
8. Fundraising and Events.
  - All events are well attended, though there is always room for more people.
  - A call for tombola prizes, however small, was made. These will be grouped into baskets.
  - The next events are the Companion Dog show and the Summer Picnic (which will include the grand opening of the new gazebo.)
9. Any other business/date of next meeting.  
Date of next meeting to be announced.